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1. The Inspectorate-General of militarized and Border Police, previously the highest authority of the militarized and border police in the Soviet Zone of Germany, was dissolved on 1 October 1949. The border police was separated from the militarized police and subordinated to the individual Soviet Zone states. The militarized police was re-organized under the Hauptabteilung Verwaltung fuer Schulung (Department of training and Indoctrination) of the new Soviet Zone Ministry of the Interior.

The Department of Training & Indoctrination is organized as follows:

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3. The Soviet Zone militarized police units (Bereitschaften) are identical to police schools.

Such police schools are located in:

Soviet Zone state:	Town:	Number of schools:	Type of school (branch of service):
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a. Saxony	LEIPZIG (N 52/E 21) on George-Schumannstrasse	2	infantry
	CHEMNITZ (N 51/K 68) former Polizei-Kaserne	1	infantry
	FRANKENBERG (N 51/A 77)	2	infantry
	DOEBELN (N 52/A 79)	1	signal
	PIRNA (N 51/F 38)	1	engineer
	ZITTAU (0 51/F 97)	1	infantry
	GROSSENHAIN (N 52/A 01)	1	artillery (Thaelmann Unit)
b. Saxony-Anhalt	WEISSENBELS (M 52/J 99)	1	infantry
	NAUMBURG (M 52/J 89)	2	engineer
	TOTGAU (N 52/E 64)	1	polit-culture and infantry
	BERNBURG (N 52/D 76)	1	polit-culture and infantry
	DESSAU-KOCHSTEDT	3	polit-culture, artillery and infantry

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Soviet Zone state:	Town:	Number of schools:	Type of school (branch of service):
c. Thuringia	ERFURT (M 51/U 36)	1	engineer
	SUHL (M 51/J 02)	1	infantry
	APOLDA (M 52/J 67)	1	infantry
	LANGENSALZA (M 52/J 08)	1	signal
	GOTHA (M 51/U 06)	1	infantry
d. Brandenburg	TREUENBRITZEN (N 53/Z 50)	1	infantry
	POTSDAM-EICHE (N 53/Z 63)	1	infantry
	BRANDENBURG (N 53/Z 23)	1	?
	BURG (M 53/Y 81)	1	?
	PRENZLAU (N 54/Q 04)	2	antitank
e. Mecklenburg	GLOESEN (M 54/Y 98)	1	infantry (previously located in WITTENBERGE and KYRITZ).
	FUERSTENBERG (N 54/U 52)	1	?
	ROSTOCK (M 55/O 81)	1	artillery
	GUESTROW (M 54/T 98)	1	artillery
	BOITZENBURG (N 54/U 93)	1	tank
	EGGESIN (N 54/Q 28)	1	infantry **

4. Each police school has an average strength of 1,000.

5. Weapons and equipment of police schools:

a. Light-weapons schools, equipped with carbines, pistols, submachine guns, signal pistols, .08, .34 and .42 machine guns and bayonets, are located in Thuringia and Saxony-Anhalt.

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b. Medium-weapons schools, equipped with carbines, pistols, submachine guns, signal pistols, 34 and 42 machine guns, bayonets, 20-mm guns and 50-mm AT guns, are located in Saxony and Brandenburg.

c. Heavy-weapons schools, equipped with carbines, pistols, signal pistols, 34 and 42 machine guns, bayonets, 20-mm AA machine guns, armored reconnaissance cars, 75-mm gun-howitzers on self-propelled mounts, 50 and 80-mm mortars, are located in Mecklenburg.

d. All schools received the following optical equipment: compasses, target-designation grids, map protractors, AA telescopic sights, range-finders, 6x30 and 7x50 field glasses, sight equipment for direct and indirect fire, and sight mounts.

e. The GROSSENHAIN police school is equipped with: 40 guns of 20 mm caliber, 10 self-propelled guns of 20 mm caliber, 20 AT rifles, 4 small armored British reconnaissance cars.

f. The BOITZENBURG (N 54/U 93) police school is equipped with four large armored cars of Soviet type, equipped with 37 and 50-mm guns. The school is scheduled to be equipped with T34 tanks.

g. About 180 mortars of 50 and 80 mm caliber are available at all schools.

h. The DOEBELN (N 52/K 79) and LANGENALZA (N 52/J 08) police schools each are equipped with telegraphs and two radio sets (presumably Dora portable sets).

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6. A Polizeibereitschaft or Polizeischule (kaserned police unit or police school) is organized as follows:

a. Gruppe (squad):

1 squad leader
1 assistant squad leader
<u>20 police</u>
22 police, equipped with 2 light machine guns

b. Zug (platoon):

Platoon command group personnel:
1 platoon leader (officer)
1 assistant platoon leader
<u>3 police</u>
1 officer and 4 police

Three squads of 22 police each. Strength of platoon: 1 officer and 70 police, armed with 6 light machine guns.

c. Abteilung (battalion):

Battalion headquarters:
1 battalion commander (officer)
1 assistant battalion commander
<u>5 police</u>
1 officer and 6 police
One machine gun squad of 1 squad leader and 10 police, equipped with 2 heavy machine guns.

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Four platoons of 1 officer and 70 police each, each equipped with 6 light machine guns.

Strength of battalion: 5 officers and 297 police, equipped with 2 heavy and 24 light machine guns.

d. Several battalions make up one "Bereitschaft" militarized police unit) ***

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* Abbreviation unknown.

** Still incomplete list of police schools

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